



2011 Bishop's Appeal • Newsletter #1

MANY GENERATIONS, STEWARDS OF ONE FAITH KICKS-OFF IN THE EAST BAY

We are members of a universal Church that we celebrate, live and practice in our parishes and homes. We are many generations of Catholics sharing and practicing one faith – and that is the basis for our 2011 Bishop's Appeal theme: ***Many Generations, Stewards of One Faith.***

Just as our local parishes rely on the financial support of their members through weekly offertory collections, the Diocese also relies on the faithful to make possible the many services it is able to provide. The total cost of supporting Diocesan level ministries is almost \$6 million per year, and each year parishioners in Alameda and Contra Costa counties are asked to participate in the Bishop's Appeal to supplement funding to the larger ministries that provide programs and services throughout the Diocese of Oakland.

"Here in this Diocese, we have been blessed with an incredible Catholic heritage, handed down from generation to generation. Through the Bishop's Appeal, we can take those blessings, and cultivate them," Most Rev. Salvatore Cordileone, Bishop of Oakland, explains. "The Bishop's Appeal is an opportunity for each and every Catholic household to help further the mission of the larger Church in the East Bay."

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Bishop of Oakland

OUR 2011 BISHOP'S APPEAL GOAL

Last year, members of the Catholic Church throughout the East Bay banded together to raise \$1.4 million to fund larger Diocesan ministries and services. This year's Bishop's Appeal goal is **\$2.1 million** and contributions will directly support:

Catholic Education & Formation

- Catholic School Tuition & Capital Subsidy
- Faith Formation
- Evangelization & Catechesis
- Lay Ecclesial Ministers Council

Clergy Formation & Retirement

- Permanent Diaconate Program
- Seminarian Education & Formation
- Priest Retirement & Long-term Care
- Sabbatical Studies & Continuing Education Programs

Support for Parishes in Need

- Parish Operating Subsidy
- Capital Expenditure Grants
- Seismic Retrofit Program

Pastoral, Youth & Family Ministries

- Apostleship of the Sea
- Liturgy
- Pastoral Life & Planning
- Life & Justice
- Stewardship
- Safe Environment Program
- Vietnamese, Filipino and Latino Ministries
- Ethnic Pastoral Centers
- Marriage & Family Life
- Marriage Prep
- Youth Retreat Center Subsidy
- CYO Operation
- Youth & Youth Ministries